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## TRANSMITTAL OF PATENT APPLICATION

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor(s):	Kenneth S. Wales
Title:	<b>A SURGICAL STAPLING INSTRUMENT WITH A LATERAL-MOVING ARTICULATION CONTROL</b>
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Basic Fee					750.00
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Independent Claims	4	-	3	x 84.00	84.00
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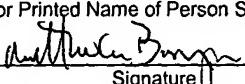
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